

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2043 - HB 2136

February 15, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from \$300 to \$350, the maximum per diem payment a utility district board commissioner within Sullivan County may receive per meeting, for no more than 12 meetings per calendar year, upon approval by the board of commissioners.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Up to \$10,800/Permissive

Assumptions:

- Under current law, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-308, members of the board of commissioners for utility districts may receive a maximum per diem payment of \$300 per meeting, for not more than 12 meetings per calendar year.
- The proposed language would authorize the board of commissioners for utility districts within Sullivan County to receive a maximum per diem payment of \$350 per meeting, for not more than 12 meetings per year.
- Under current law, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-307, each utility district shall have three commissioners, except those multi-county utility districts and utility districts having a greater number of commissioners on May 6, 2004.
- Any vote required by a utility district board to approve a per diem payment increase will be accomplished at a regularly-scheduled meeting of the board.
- There are six utility districts within Sullivan County, each with three members, which meet 12 times annually.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-403, the board of commissioners of a utility district shall prescribe and collect reasonable rates, fee, tolls, or charges necessary to ensure that such system shall be and always remain self-supporting.
- Any increase in local expenditures for increased per diem payments will be borne by the individual utility district.
- It is unknown how many utility district boards of commissioners within Sullivan County currently receive the maximum per diem payment of \$300 per meeting; however, the proposed language will result in a recurring permissive increase in local government expenditures up to \$10,800 (6 utility boards x 3 commissioners per board x 12 meetings per year x \$50 maximum increase per meeting per person).

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- The proposed language does not impact privately-operated utility districts; therefore, any impact to commerce or jobs in Tennessee is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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